(b) There is no discrimination as the two categories namely OBCs on the one hand and SCs and STs on the other are not similarly placed.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Anomalies in fixation of pay

434. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some anomalies were reported in fixation of the pay of Assistants and Section Officers of Central Secretariat Service *w.e.f.* Ist January, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to remove the anomalies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) After due consideration of the recommendations of the 5th Pay Commission, revised scales of pay were granted to the Assistants and Section Officers of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) which were effective from 1.1.1996. Individual cases of amomaly in the fixation of pay as a result of introduction of revised scale of pay were to be considered by the respective Ministries/Departments in accordance with the instructions issued from time to time. Government also constituted an Anomaly Committee in the Department of Personnel & Training to look into the general cases of anomalies as may be brought out by the Staff Side of the Departmental Council. There is no representation relating to anomaly in fixation of pay of Assistants and Section Officers of CSS *w.e.f.* 1.1.96 pending before the Anomaly Committee.

Central Vigilance Commission Act

435. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission Act was passed by Parliament in 2003;

(b) if so, the prominent features thereof;